



# CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

September 9, 2021

## Grandparents!



Don't forget—this Sunday is Grandparent's Day! Bring your grandchildren for a special service and a photo opportunity afterwards! Let's celebrate God's precious gift of grandchildren! (and if you don't have any, adopt some for the day!)

This article was submitted by Vivian Taylor. She shares her thoughts on being a grandmother.

I read once that being a grandparent isn't a big thing - it's a million little things.

When I think about being a grandmother I think:

It's snuggling and spoiling.

It's laughter and little fingers.

It's cookies and kisses.

It's making crafts and playing cars.

It's sports and smiles.

It's boasting and bragging.

It's family time and fun.

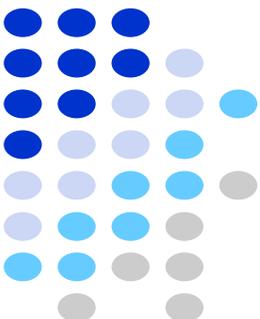
It's hope and happiness.

It's listening and loving.

It's watching them grow up in our church family and grow in Christ.

It's teaching them how to become disciples for Christ.

It's making memories - it's a million little things!



♥ HAPPY ♥  
GRANDPARENTS  
♥ DAY ♥

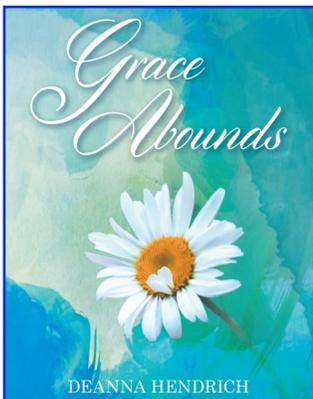
## UMW Harvester Trip

Tomorrow, we'll be making our trip to Harvesters in Kansas City, which we typically do twice a year. For those who have signed up for the trip, the United Methodist Women will depart on the church bus at 9 am tomorrow Friday, September 10th. Our shift is from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, then we'll stop for lunch before returning home. At Harvesters, closed-toe shoes and a mask are required, and we'll need to sign a Covid waiver. Harvesters feeds 141,500 people every month through the assistance of its many volunteers.



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## Grace Abounds!



A follow-up on  
Deanna's book—a  
review by our  
librarian, Karen  
Erickson!

Yes it does. Deanna Hendrich's book of the same name "Grace Abounds" is in our Church Library and boy, howdy, is she a good writer! I liked the story about the possum, the college professor, actor Rich Gere as a homeless person, her Rules of Gardening (...No matter how many bags of mulch or gravel you buy it isn't enough... The last bag of mulch or gravel is heavier than the first...). And the story about her Sunday School class on Easter. And so much more. This is a book to highlight and keep close to pick up whenever.

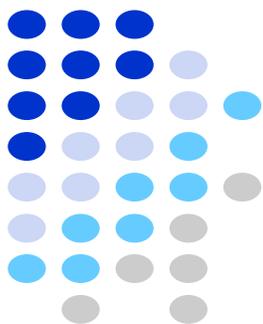
On Page 9: "I will pray for you." "...A promise to pray is a spiritual obligation that we must heed...It doesn't get any more real than that."

Page 106: "The next time you tell yourself 'I should,' follow that by asking, 'Who says?'"

And back in December 2012 she wrote "...May your Christmas be honest..."

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

You can check it out in the Church Library or purchase it locally at the Bluebird Mercantile. It also is available on Amazon.



### Prayers are needed for:

Friends & Family of Barbara Grimshaw,  
& Melvin Dennis



### Coming Up!

#### Sunday, September 12th

#### **Grandparents' Day!**

- 8:15 AM in-person worship  
(on Facebook Live and KDKD too)
- 9:00 Continental Breakfast in Lower Gathering Space **with Pictures with Grandparents/Grandchildren**
- 9:30 New Chapel service
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (Adults and Kids)
- 4:00 Middle School Youth
- 5:00 High School Youth

#### Monday, September 13th

- 6:00 Building Committee Meeting
- 7:30 Finance Meeting

### Connect With Us!

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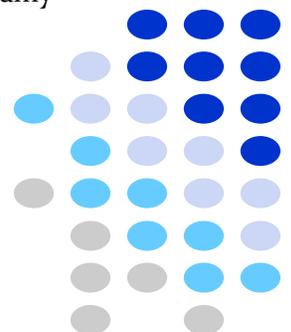
### Charge Conference

Mark your calendars! This year our charge conference will be Saturday, October 16th from 9-11 AM in person at First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg. All members are invited to attend.



### Sunday Worship Helpers

- Ushers: Larry & Eunice Wright
- Greeters: Fred & Carolyn McAllister
- Breakfast helpers: Jean Harms & Jerry Jerome
- Acolytes: Jace & Kaysen Nold
- Gathering Music: Peggy Arthur & Marnie Bellamy
- Tech Team: Kathy & Dave Garnett
- Children's Time: Jennifer Kiely





## This Week's Building Report



Building is fun - even toddlers have an interest in making new things out of existing materials. Our focus over the last few years has been to modernize our common areas and add space that will support expansion into Contemporary Worship. We are well on our way.

As we've continued discussions with staff and the Building Committee on how we use our spaces to grow ministry, it became evident that our focus on attracting and retaining young families was not as strong as it should have been during the design process. Just as the toddler needs to decide which block to use next to build the "best" tower, decisions on shape, color, location and orientation all have an impact on the beauty, stability and function of our finished product.

As a result, we've reworked the layout and allocation of space for our Nursery, making it bigger, brighter and more accessible to our young families. We may spend just a little more than originally planned but the net result will be a clear signal to parents that we want... and need them here. Your continued support, both financially supporting the project, and more importantly inviting, welcoming and engaging new people to Church will be critical to the long term health of our ministry. Like so many organizations, buildings may attract people, they don't retain them.

I'm thankful that our project participants have been open to discussions challenging our direction and focus to assure we build toward a stronger future. Prior generations followed the same path with twists and turns as they evolved the beautiful building we enjoy today. I'm confident that years from now they will say the same of us.